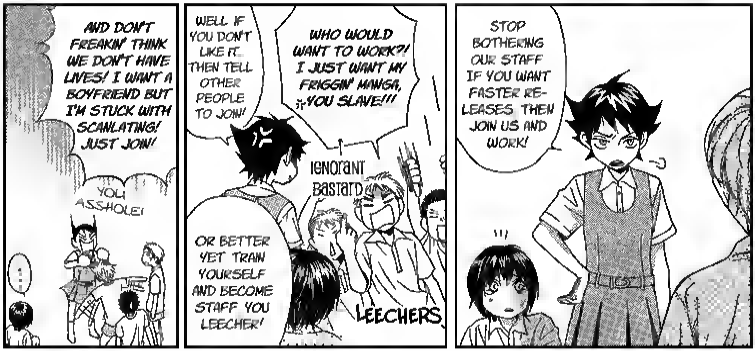
SHORT STORY


AND DON'T FREAKIN' THINK WE DON'T HAVE LIVES! I WANT A BOYFRIEND BUT I'M STUCK WITH SCANLATING! JUST JOIN!
YOU ASSHOLE!
WELL IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN TELL OTHER PEOPLE TO JOIN!
WHO WOULD WANT TO WORK?! I JUST WANT MY FRIGGIN' MANGA, YOU SLAVE!!!
IGNORANT BASTARD
OR BETTER YET TRAIN YOURSELF AND BECOME STAFF YOU LEECHER!
LEECHERS
STOP BOTHERING OUR STAFF IF YOU WANT FASTER RELEASES THEN JOIN US AND WORK!
!!!

Secret Dance
Oneshot

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SECRET DANCE
I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS,
THE UNEXPECTED IDENTITY OF THE TOP STAR...
Keep Out! XXX Keep Out! XXX
SUPPORT ME!
YAMASHIRO TONAMI

KYAA
IT'S SO ADOR-ABLE~!
HIS LAUGHTER "FUU~ FUU~"
KOU IS TOO COOL!
YEAH!! WAAH~
HEY, HEY, DID YDU SEE?! THE NEW DRAMA WITH KOU FROM YUUBE!
WHO'S HE?
"KOU"?
THAT SINGLE PHRASE
WAS OUR BEGINNING.

YOU DON'T KNOW HIM!? MISONO!
HIS PARENTS ARE THE BIG STARS OF JIDAIGEKI*!!
HIS MOTHER WAS A THEATRE ACTRESS, AND HIS OLDER BROTHER IS A SUPER MODEL KNOWN AS THE BLOOD HORSE OF THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD!
*T/N historical plays
I Don't know!
WHEN I HAVE FREE TIME, I READ BOOKS... NOT WATCH T.V...
SNIFF SNIFF
BOOKS ARE FOR OTAKU! AND PLEASE STOP SNIFFING THE BOOK'S SMELL!
You're incorrigible!
I don't pay attention.
REALLY, NOT HAVING ANY INTEREST IS TOO MUCH
FWIP
TAKE THIS MAGAZINE, IT HAS ONE OF KOU'S INTERVIEWS!
Read it!
don't want to
NO THANKS.
R.E.A.D.
PUSH PUSH
OUCH, OUCH IT HURTS!
PAT
There, there...
CREEEP
E...
EX-C-CU-CUSE ME
NAKAHARA-SAN...
he stammers
...YES?

NARITA KOUJIRO FROM MY CLASS
THEN WHY DOES NARITA WANT TO TALK TO YOU?
Nnn- no thing
GRAB
shake
WHAT DID YOU DO, MISONO!
WHO HAS A NERDY STYLE WITH THICK GLASSES
7'3"
Mid-cover black ones
shy
shy
IN SIMPLER TERMS, A WEIRD PRESENCE.
TENDS TO ALWAYS BE ALONE, EVEN AT SCHOOL
IF YOU MEET HIS EYES ONCE, HE SMILES AT YOU ODDLY.
IT'D BE OK IF I DON'T APPROACH HIM BUT...
Why is he moaning his head.
HEY!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT BUSINESS YOU HAVE HERE, BUT IT FEELS AWKWARD!
Come here!
CLATTER
MISO-NO—!
SO
WHAT DO YOU WANT—?
he
DU- DURING LUNCH BREAK...
SO- SO- SORRY,
chatter
chatter

RE-
REALLY
BUMP
I—!
KACHAK
Hey, what did you do!
YOUR GLASSES
ah—
SORRY~
WELL..
ah..
NARITA, ARE YOU O—...
KAY?

EH
EH?
EH?!
HUH?!
COME HERE!
A
B
flip
EH?
WH-WHAT!?
But it seems it is
It can't be helped, though.
BUT I WAS SO SHOCKED
SORRY,
I THINK NOBODY WOULD COME HERE
HAA
HUFF HUFF

SNATCH
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL WITHOUT GLASSES... LIKE THIS IS SOME KIND OF MANGA.
WHY NOT WEAR CONTACTS!
UHAA?!
NAGAHARA MISONO-SAN,
PLEASE BE MY FRIEND!
...EH?
FWOO
FLIP FLIP
..EH?

NARITA KOU...
NARITA • KOU
NARI...
REALLY...
EEEEEHH

LOYAL KISS
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THIS IS STRANGER THAN A NOVEL!
it will strike your heart a pulse
HEY, NEE-CHAN, I CAN'T SEE KOU!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!
Gurico Rainbow chocolate newly sold
"KOU" SEEMS TO BE A REAL PUBLIC STAR! WHAT THE HELL!
sniff sniff
NEE-CHAN, YOU'RE SNIFFING THE BOOK AS USUAL, STOP IT!
ARE YOU A FAN?
HE'S MY FAV! ♡
FWIP
WHAT CAN I DO?
KNOWING SUCH A SECRET.
...EH?

YOU'VE NEVER HAD A FRIEND IN 16 YEARS?
EEOO
I'M FROM A FAMILY OF THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD, BUT PEOPLE HADN'T NOTICED THAT I'M TRYING TO BECOME A STAR TOO
Of course, I'd like it if they did.
BECAUSE OF MY PARENTS' FAME AND INFLUENCE, IT BROUGHT UPON ANTIPATHY* TOWARD MYSELF
BEING "NARITA KOU", I WAS SURROUNDED BY THE DISTANCE OF CLASSMATES THROUGHOUT ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH
THEREFORE, IF PEOPLE DISCOVER ME, I'LL BE FATED TO A LIFE WITHOUT FRIENDS
*intense dislike
I WANTED FRIENDS!
chik
pat
MAYBE BEING "NARITA KOUJIRO" COULD DO IT!
CALLING FROM THE SOUL!
I THOUGHT I'D HIDE MY TROUBLESOME FACE AND ALWAYS BE CAREFUL ABOUT MY SMILE, BUT EVEN WHEN I'M NICE, I STILL DON'T HAVE ANY!
WHUP!
BECAUSE OF MY JOB, I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY GOOD MEMORIES OF SCHOOL TIME.
Hm? He became too stressed?
This is just weird.
Ah, he became Narita.
ALL THIS MADE MATTERS WORST! WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE?
It's these glasses' fault!
...BUT TODAY, I DISCOVERED NAGAHARA
FWP

THIS EASILY DISGUSTS ME.
...WELL, AS I'VE SAID BEFORE,
THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT "NARITA KOU" OR THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD
An ideal!
PLEASE, BE MY FRIEND.
OUR RELATIONSHIP AS "FRIENDS" BEGAN LIKE THIS
Next morning
ALL THIS BECAME TOO WEIRD...
scratch
AH... It's Narita
PAT
MORNING, NARITA
O HAI YO!*
Morning! A morning greeting! I'm moved!
I CAN'T TELL HIM THAT I HATE ALL THIS NOW...!

*"Ohayo" means "Good morning". Narita is so enthusiastic, he's saying the 'yo' in romaji! XD

SOMEHOW, YOU'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM YOUR IMAGE AND THE ONE ON TV
I saw your CM yesterday
AH, I FELT SO TENSE THEN,
BUT WHEN I FACED THE CAMERA, I FELT RELAXED
There, my real self comes out
I THINK THAT THE JOB IS REALLY COMFORTABLE
I wonder why
OH....
I can understand
WA-WA-WAIT!
HEY, MORNING!
MISONO!
TAP TAP
GRAB
WHAT ARE YOU DOING CHATTING WITH NARITA!
Whatever you do is he gets you?!
?
AH, ABOUT THAT...
WE'RE FRIENDS
EH!? WHAT!
Noo it's not like..
.....
COLLAPSE
EEEEEHH??

保健室
HE DOESN'T HAVE A FEVER...
HAA...
gura gura
tired
HE PROBABLY HAS ANEMIA DUE TO LACK OF SLEEP LET HIM REST A LITTLE AND CHECK IN WITH HIM LATER
There have been a lot of cases like this recently
I'M GOING TO REPORT THAT TO YOUR TEACHER
THE RECORDING SESSION OF THE SHOW THIS EVENING DREW ON TOO LATE LAST NIGHT
My head is spinning
AT TIMES LIKE THAT, SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE RESTED?
Until now
jeez
...YEAH
BUT I GOT TO TALK TO NAGAHARA TODAY...

Gaba
!?
NARITA, GIVE ME THE THERMO-METER
N-
NURSE
shake
shake
Friction
NAGA-HARA? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NOTHING, JUST...
Suuu ha suuu ha
NOT GOOD.
OKAY
I'LL BRING IN SOME MEDICINE
PLEASE, REST
YOU DON'T LOOK TOO WELL!
so sudden!
38°C
shake shake
I SUD-DENLY FELT A CHILL, AND NOW I'VE GOT A FEVER...
*around 100°F
GRADUALLY, I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL SOMETHING...
THAT "PLEASE, LET'S BECOME FRIENDS"...
I'LL STAY WITH YOU.
Just for today ok?

Douwada
Sleep now.
Pat
Pat
BEING CALLED SO DESPERATELY, WAS THE BEGINNING
EVERYTHING I SAID...
WOULD MAKE NAKITA LAUGHED SO HAPPILY.
1-3
EVERY SINGLE STORY,
Ehh, can I also have mail?
Aah. Give me your cell-phone number!
This is your e-mail, isn't it?
EVEN A SILLY CONVER-SATION
Kyaa! Stop it!
Mawashi
I brought your photo!
Pic

bla
bla
bla
HUH?
IT'S FROM NARITA
text
[Subject]
I'm Narita
[Body]
If it's ok, come to the roof please.
WHAT POOR CONTENT
pi
pi
flap
flap
YOU'RE SO SWEET TOGETHER
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SEE IN HIM
EH?
Smile
YOU'RE IN HARMONY, UH...
I'LL RETURN LATER
IT'S CURIOUS, YOU TOO.
I WAS SO STUPID
I JUST REFLECTED.
BEYOND NARITA'S APPEARANCE.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A SHAME
YOU'LL FIND OUT THAT
HE'S A GREAT, HONEST PERSON.
TRY TO TALK TO HIM.

NARITAA?
BUT
PFFFT
IT'S NOT THAT FUNNY...
THIS IS THE CHOREOGRAPHY FOR MY NEXT SHOW
...NAGAHARA, DO YOU KNOW THIS BOOK?
AH! I KNOW IT, I READ IT YEARS AGO!
REALLY!?
THIS TIME IT'LL TURN IN TO A MOVIE SO IT'S BEEN RE-PRINTED.
IT'S SO CAPTIVATING!

...THAT MOVIE HAS ME AS THE LEAD ACTOR...
DOOOM
You really aren't interested
.....
JIRI JIRI
DODOOOOOOOM
I WANTED TO ASK NAGAHARA TO GO WITH ME...
THIS SUNDAY THERE WILL BE THE FIRST PREVIEW OF THE MOVIE
WELL
IT'S MY FIRST TIME AS A LEADING ROLE
BUT THIS HEAVY BOOK WAS PUT AT BEST INTO 2 HOURS! IT WOULD NEVER MOVE PEOPLE AS MUCH AS THE BOOK!
AND THE MOVIE RECEIVED ALL GOOD REVIEWS BUT IT'S SO LAME!
EVEN THOUGH THE MOVIE IS SO BAD, IT'S STILL PRAISED!
So stupid
OTAKU'S SPIRIT GOOOOO!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
I WON'T EVER WATCH THAT MOVIE!!

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT GO
I DON'T GO TO THE MOVIES A LOT.... Too many people
HE SAID SO
To the clients in attendance, sorry for the wait.
OK!
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE WON THE LOTTERY !! The one of the fan club!
hey hey
YAY~~ FINALLY, THERE'S KOU~~ Wow my heart is beating soo fast
Now by the super-vision of Nageoke Minoru
the movie "Tsukiyo Hoshiyo ta" is starting now

HE WAS REALLY A STAR...
UWAA, COOL...
Here's the cast of the movie!
KYA
PAAA!
Good evening I'm Narita Kou
Thank you very much everyone for being here!
Kyaa
Kya
Ahahah It's not true
Kou-kun is getting more and more popular!
KOU
KOUU
SOME-HOW
SHOCK!!
Well umm
with with
with a friend...
Ehm...
Did you come here with somebody?
Kou-kun how is it to be a lead character for the first time?

IS A SAD LOVE STORY SET IN THE MEIJI ERA.
THE MOVIE
IT WAS GOOD.
...I WATCHED WELL.
Nakya
Ayaka
Kyoko
W w w wrong!!
Is it your girl-friend!?
Oooh!? You're all red!
Can't see it
THE SIMPLE PROTAGONIST WAS INVOLVED
WITH A BEAUTIFUL AND GENTLE RICH GIRL
THEY HAD SO MANY HAPPY HOURS
HAVING WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES TOGETHER.
BUT
SUDDENLY, THEIR LOVE STORY WAS DISCOVERED AND THEY WERE SEPERATED FROM EACH OTHER.
ONE DAY....
AND THE DEAD-END LOVE BROUGHT THE BOY TO MADNESS.
THE BOY ENDED UP LIVING IN THE LOWEST POVERTY.

...THE BOY HEARD THE GOSSIP ABOUT THE MARRIAGE OF HIS GIRL,
ALL ALONE, HE BROKE INTO THE COUPLE'S HOUSE
BUT WHAT HE SAW INSIDE WAS...
...THE PITYFUL AND LIFELESS...
...BODY OF HIS LOVER,
hey
Hey...

We meet at last...

IT WAS A SMILE...
anyway~~~
WAAH I CAN'T~~~ KOU'S FACE IN THE END~~~~~
sob sob
CHATTER
CHATTER
I KNOW

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING KOU? YOU HAVE TO GO FOR THE FINAL APPEAR-ANCE!
manager
WAIT WAIT! WAIT A LITTLE!
BADUM BADUM BADUM
RING RING RING RING RING RING
PI
PI
PI
PI
090XXXXXXX
YES, I KNOW THAT THE CONFERENCE HASN'T ENDED YET, BUT
WELL,
HOW WAS IT....??
AH... AH...
NAGA-HARA!?!
THIS IS NARITA!
—Hello
sil—ence
.....
.....
...It was great.

HOW WAS IT NEE-CHAN?
THE MOVIE'S DVD!?
this is rare
I RENTED IT.
WEREN'T YOU WORKING HARD TO SAVE MONEY FOR BUYING A NEW BOOK?
YUP
MY WORLD HAS BEEN BROADENED
I WAS JUST IN THE MOOD FOR WATCHING IT AGAIN.
The movie,
the actors
were all so great!
IT WAS GREAT, NARITA!
...MEETING NARITA...

KOU APPEARED AS A SUPPORTING ACTOR
BUT HE COULDN'T BE IGNORED. SO COOL!
NARITA
AH
I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE on tv
WAS REALLY A WONDERFUL PERSON
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING
S- SORRY I'M LITTLE IN A RUSH SO
EH?
Pooo
oooh
NARITA
shake
shake
NAGA-HARAAAA
GOOD MOOOOR-NING!
Nagaha-rane

SORRY I'M GOING TO THE LIBRARY!
NAGA-HARA!
NAGA-HARA...
Sorry sorry!
OOH I FORGOT SOME-THING!
YOU TWO, DID YOU FIGHT?
Narita seems so slurry
SUUU HA SUU HA
WE DIDN'T
WE DIDN'T BUT...
...BUT
BUT SOMEHOW
RIGHT, THIS PROBLEM, NARITA
solve it here
.. YES.
SOMEHOW
clatter

...NA
clatter
NARITA!
CLACK
...I'LL TAKE HIM TO THE INFIRMARY!
BAM!
DAZE
OOH...

ARE YOU OK!? NARITA!
Are you hurting again?
... NAGA-HARA
WHAT!?
WHY ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?
squeeze
DI...
DI-DI-DI-DID YOU JUST LIE!? DID YOU!?
faked sick!?
GU
GU
GU
GU
GU
GU
I DID! BUT IF I DIDN'T, YOU WOULDN'T TALK TO ME, RIGHT!?

WHAT AM I DOING??
BUT...
Wait! NAGA-HARA!?
Why?
SORRY!
SHOVE
BUT
...NAGA-HARA!
LOOK!
...THAT-
THAT'S!
THAT BOOK HAS BEEN OUT OF PRINT FOR YEARS! IT CAN'T BE FOUND IN BOOKSTORES ANYMORE! THEY SAY IT'S ONE OF THE RAREST BOOKS IN THE WORLD!
That's insane!

CAUGHT.
Gash Haa
I STOLE IT FROM MY GRANDPA'S LIBRARY. IT WAS WORTH IT
Indeed, you know this book. Nashiko?
<--he keeps it covered
I WAS
HA HA HA
TOTALLY SCREWED
...TELL ME
DID I DO SOME-THING WRONG?
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, I WON'T KNOW
Be...
BECAUSE I FEEL FRUS-TRATED!

IT WAS HARD
YOU'RE SLY NARITA.
LOOKING AT NARITA'S FACE
YOU GAVE ME SO MUCH
Y...
I JUST END UP LOVING BOOKS SO MUCH TO HAVE THIS HABIT,
I DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT!
SUU HA SUU HA
Ne, Nagahara
I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL TALENT!
I KNEW SO LITTLE ABOUT HIM.
I BEGAN TO NOTICE HOW LITTLE I KNEW
...NO MATTER WHERE I AM, I'M TINY, ORDINARY, AND LOWER MIDDLE CLASS
BUT.
BUT MEETING NARITA HAS EXPANDED MY WORLD SO MUCH
...I DIDN'T GIVE ANYTHING BACK.
BUT IT ISN'T FEAR

...WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER, I FEEL SO FRUSTRATED ...
THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS ENRICHED ONLY ME
...EVERY-BODY DID THIS,THEY JUST WENT AWAY.
I WON'T LEND IT
A-A-AAA-AH!
CONFIS-CATED

...I DON'T UNDER-STAND
WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT ME.
ARE YOU LIKE THAT TOO?
I'M JUST DESPE-RATE.

...NAGA-HARA DOESN'T UNDER-STAND.
...THE MOR-NING
WITHIN A CROWD OF PEOPLE WEARING THE SAME UNIFORM, YOU NOTICED ME
THE FACT THAT SOMEBODY SAID "GOOD MORNING" TO ME
MADE ME SMILE
THE FACT THAT SOMEBODY CALLED MY NAME...
MADE ME SO HAPPY
I WANTED YOU TO SEE ME AT WORK. I WANTED TO BE PRAISED.
THE FACT THAT I HAVE A FRIEND LIKE THIS
WAS AN ENCOUR-AGEMENT FOR ME...
EVEN IF SHE'S TINY ORDINARY, AND LOWER MIDDLE CLASS

JUST KNOWING YOU WERE WATCHING, I WAS NERVOUS.
I WAS ONLY AVOIDING HIM
THAT'S ALL
--I WAS
WITH THIS PERSON
...NAGA-HARA?

IT'S TURNED OUT TO BE THIS WAY
EH
: THAT WAS WHAT I WAS THINKING!
YOU'RE FACE IS ALL RED... Cool
RE-RE-RED!? REALLY!?
WAAH, I'M A LITTLE HAPPY...
WAIT NONONO!
BUT, STILL ALL THIS
hide
---AAH, IT'S USELESS
UHOON

Grab
I'M SORRY NARITA!
let's make up!
THIS PERSON IS TOO CUTE
THERE'S NOTHING HE DOESN'T HAVE, NOTHING HE CAN'T DO
BUT
.IT
WAS THE FIRST TIME I FOUGHT, AND MADE UP TOO.
Here, book!
TO SAY HOW PRECIOUS NARITA IS TO ME
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
THE GUYS FROM P.E...
Oh the lesson is over
Thank you
IS STILL FUTILE

CHATTER
CHATTER
K-KOU !?
GRAB
AH!
AHH!
GIRL
SO FAST.
--THAT'S WHY
BE-CAUSE
HEY! WHY ME TOO..
WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT!
noticed?
I BOTTLE UP EVERYTHING INSIDE AND STEP FORWARD
THUMP

A SECRET DANCE
BAM
...MMM?
Why am I hesitating?
thump thump
NAGA-HARA?
If we stop
AH
SORRY. FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
SQUEAK
Kyaa~ kyaa~
WHAT YEAR ARE YOU? WHAT CLASS??
TELL US YOUR NAME!!
YOU DON'T SAY
HEH
GLASSES GLASSES!
TOWARDS THE DAYS WITH YOU
END